

# Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department

## Officer Involved Shooting

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|---|--|--|----------|--|--|
| Report Date: <b>October 6, 2002</b>   |  | Bureau/Station/Facility: <b>Norwalk Station</b>  |          | Admin. Invest? <input type="checkbox"/>  | Hit? <input type="checkbox"/>                                    |
| <b>Incident Information</b>   |  |  |          |  |  |
| URN: <b>402-18107-0494-051</b>  |  | Date: <b>October 6, 2002</b>   |          | Time: <b>0724 hours</b>  |  |
| City or Station: <b>Whittier</b>  |  | Nature of Incident: Deputies went to a "911 hang-up" call at 0715 hrs on Sunday Morning. They heard a woman screaming for help from inside an apartment. They forced open the front door and were confronted by a male armed with a shotgun and pointing it at them. One of the deputies fired one round at the suspect. A barricade situation followed. Ultimately the suspect was taken into custody without incident. |          |  |  |
| Location: <b>Laurel Street</b>  |  |  |          |  |  |
| Location Type (circle one or more):<br>Backyard<br>Beach<br>Business<br>Freeway<br>Industrial<br>Park<br>Parking Lot<br><u>Residence</u><br>Rural<br>School<br>Street<br>Other: _____ | Lighting (circle only one):<br>Darkness<br><u>Daylight</u><br>Other<br>Street Lights | Incident Type (circle one or more):<br>Accidental<br><u>Armed Person</u><br>Fleeing Suspect<br>Foot Pursuit<br>Gun Take Away<br>Moving Vehicle<br>Sniper/Ambush<br>Stallie<br>Struggle Involved<br>Traffic Stop<br>Unarmed Person<br>Unintentional<br>Vehicle Pursuit<br>Warrant Service<br><br>Other: _____   |          | Initiated by (circle only one):<br>Arrest Warrant<br><u>Call</u><br>Observation<br>One Person Unit<br>Other<br>Search Warrant<br>Two Person Unit |  |
|   | Weather (circle only one):<br><u>Clear</u><br>Cloudy<br>Fog<br>Rain                  |  |          | Prior Activity (circle only one):<br>Detective<br>Inmate Transport<br>Other<br><u>Routine Patrol</u>   |  |
|   | Distance: <b>Appx. 20 feet</b>   |  |          |  |  |
| Total # of Shots Fired by Deputy<br><b>1</b>  | Total # of Shots Fired by Suspect<br><b>0</b>  | Aero Unit? <input type="checkbox"/> Canine Unit? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>   |          |  |  |
| <b>Employee Witnesses</b>   |  |  |          |  |  |
| Employee #  | Last Name  | First Name   | M.I.     | ShiftTime (circle only one):<br>EM PM <u>Day</u>   | ShiftType (circle only one):<br><u>Regular</u> Overtime Off Duty |
|   | <b>Lovitch</b>   | <b>Mark</b>  |          |  |  |
| Employee #  | Last Name  | First Name   | M.I.     | ShiftTime (circle only one):<br>EM PM Day  | ShiftType (circle only one):<br>Regular Overtime Off Duty        |
| Employee #  | Last Name  | First Name   | M.I.     | ShiftTime (circle only one):<br>EM PM Day  | ShiftType (circle only one):<br>Regular Overtime Off Duty        |
| <b>Non-Employee Witnesses</b>   |  |  |          |  |  |
| Last Name   |  | First Name   |          | M.I.   |  |
| Street Address  |  | City   | Zip Code | Work Ph  | Home Ph  |
| Last Name   |  | First Name   |          | M.I.   |  |
| Street Address  |  | City   | Zip Code | Work Ph  | Home Ph  |
| Last Name   |  | First Name   |          | M.I.   |  |
| Street Address  |  | City   | Zip Code | Work Ph  | Home Ph  |
| <b>Supervisors</b>  |  |  |          |  |  |
| Employee #  | Last Name  | First Name   | M.I.     | (circle one or more):<br><u>On Duty</u><br>Present during shooting   | Witness to shooting<br>Involved in shooting                      |
|   | <b>Wagner</b>  | <b>Thomas</b>  |          |  |  |
| Employee #  | Last Name  | First Name   | M.I.     | (circle one or more):<br><u>On Duty</u><br>Present during shooting   | Witness to shooting<br>Involved in shooting                      |
|   | <b>Lopez</b>   | <b>Robert</b>  |          |  |  |
| <b>Watch Sergeant</b>   |  |  |          |  |  |
| Employee #  | Last Name  | First Name   |          | M.I.   |  |
|   | <b>Bedogne</b>   | <b>Andrew</b>  |          |  |  |
| <b>Watch Commander</b>  |  |  |          |  |  |
| Employee #  | Last Name  | First Name   |          | M.I.   |  |
|   | <b>Brick</b>   | <b>Jonathon</b>  |          |  |  |

PSTD Use Only

SH # **2073636**

### Rollout Information

|                            |            |                          |                       |                              |  |                        |   |
|----------------------------|------------|--------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------------|--|------------------------|---|
| Arrival Date<br>10-06-2002 |            | Arrival Time<br>0724 hrs |                       | Date Submitted<br>12-27-2002 |  | Date of Recommendation |   |
| Employee #                 | [REDACTED] | Last Name<br>Morris      | First Name<br>William |                              |  | M.I.                   | B |
| Employee #                 | [REDACTED] | Last Name<br>Reyes       | First Name<br>Henry   |                              |  | M.I.                   |   |
| Employee #                 |            | Last Name                | First Name            |                              |  | M.I.                   |   |

**Shooting / Force Information**

### Shooting / Force Information

## Method

|      |                                    |      |                                     |
|------|------------------------------------|------|-------------------------------------|
| (AW) | Arwen                              | (OV) | Other Weapon: Vehicle               |
| (BC) | Baton:(Control)                    | (OB) | Other Weapon: Blunt Object          |
| (BI) | Baton:(Impact)                     | (OO) | Other Weapon: Other                 |
| (BF) | Bodily Fluids                      | (PK) | Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Kick)   |
| (CN) | Canine                             | (PS) | Personal Weapon: Feet/Leg: (Sweep)  |
| (CR) | Carotid Restraint                  | (PH) | Personal Weapon (Hand/Arm)          |
| (CH) | Choke Hold                         | (PP) | Personal Weapon (Push)              |
| (CT) | Control Holds:(Control Techniques) | (PO) | Personal Weapon (Other)             |
| (TT) | Control Holds:(Team Takedown)      | (RS) | Resistance                          |
| (TD) | Control Holds:(Takedown)           | (CN) | Restraint Device (Capture Net)      |
| (CE) | Chemical                           | (RH) | Restraint Device (Handcuffs)        |
| (OC) | Chemical Agents (OC Spray)         | (HB) | Restraint Device:Hobble (Legs Only) |
| (TG) | Chemical Agents (Tear Gas)         | (TP) | Restraint Device:Hobble (TARP)      |
| (EX) | Explosives                         | (RE) | Restraint Device: REACT Belt        |
| (FH) | Firearm (Handgun)                  | (SP) | Sap                                 |
| (FR) | Firearm (Rifle)                    | (SH) | Shield                              |
| (FS) | Firearm (Shotgun)                  | (SG) | 37mm Stinger                        |
| (FO) | Firearm (Other)                    | (SB) | Sting Ball                          |
| (FB) | Flashbang                          | (ST) | Stun Bag                            |
| (FL) | Flashlight                         | (TR) | Taser                               |
| (OE) | Other Weapon: Edged                | (UC) | Uncooperative                       |

## Brand

|      |                         |      |                |      |                       |
|------|-------------------------|------|----------------|------|-----------------------|
| (AK) | AK-47                   | (IV) | Iver Johnson   | (RI) | RGI                   |
| (BN) | Benelli                 | (JE) | Jennings       | (RO) | Roasi                 |
| (BR) | Beretta                 | (LO) | Lorcin         | (SW) | Smith & Wesson        |
| (BW) | Browning                | (LU) | Luger          | (SR) | Sturm Ruger           |
| (CH) | Charter Arms            | (MA) | Marlin         | (ST) | Sterling              |
| (CO) | Colt                    | (MO) | Mossberg       | (TA) | Taurus                |
| (DA) | Davis Industries        | (NC) | NCI aka SKS    | (WE) | Weatherby             |
| (GL) | Glock                   | (NA) | North American | (WN) | Winchester            |
| (HA) | Harrington & Richardson | (NO) | Norinco        | (US) | US Government         |
| (HI) | Hi Standard             | (RA) | Raven          | (YY) | Handmade (Inmate)     |
| (HK) | H & K                   | (RM) | Remington      | (XX) | Homemade (Non-Inmate) |
| (IT) | Ithica                  | (RG) | RG             | (ZZ) | Other Brand           |

### Type of Injury

|      |                       |
|------|-----------------------|
| (AB) | Abrasion              |
| (BR) | Bruise                |
| (BU) | Burn                  |
| (CP) | Complaint of Pain     |
| (CO) | Concussion            |
| (DH) | Death                 |
| (DI) | Dislocation           |
| (DB) | Dog Bite              |
| (FR) | Fractures             |
| (GS) | Gunshot               |
| (HB) | Human Bite            |
| (LC) | Lacerations           |
| (ND) | Nerve Damage          |
| (OD) | Organ Damage          |
| (PA) | Paralysis             |
| (PW) | Puncture Wound        |
| (SD) | Soft Tissue Damage    |
| (ST) | Sprain/Twists         |
| (UN) | Unconscious           |
| (RM) | Refused Med Treatment |
| (NN) | NONE                  |

**Body Part Injured**

|      |          |
|------|----------|
| (AD) | Abdomen  |
| (AK) | Ankle    |
| (AR) | Arm      |
| (BK) | Back     |
| (BT) | Buttocks |
| (CH) | Chest    |
| (EL) | Elbow    |
| (FA) | Face     |
| (FE) | Feet     |
| (FI) | Fingers  |
| (GE) | Genitals |
| (GR) | Groin    |
| (HD) | Hand     |
| (HE) | Head     |
| (HI) | Hip      |
| (IN) | Internal |
| (KN) | Knees    |
| (LE) | Leg      |
| (NK) | Neck     |
| (SH) | Shoulder |
| (WR) | Wrist    |

**Caliber**

|                   |                    |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|--------------------|
| (9) 9 mm          | (24) .243 caliber  | (41) .410 gauge    |
| (10) 10 mm        | (25) .25 caliber   | (44) .44 caliber   |
| (12) 12 gauge     | (30) .308 caliber  | (45) .45 caliber   |
| (20) 20 gauge     | (35) .357 caliber  | (50) 50 mm         |
| (21) .22-250      | (36) 30-60 caliber | (SL) Slug          |
| (22) .22 caliber  | (38) .38 caliber   | (WW) Other caliber |
| (23) .223 caliber | (40) .40 caliber   |                    |

**FORCE APPLIED** (one code per block)[illegible]

# Officer Involved Shooting Involved Employee Information

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## Involved Employee

|            |  |                            |  |  |
|------------|--|----------------------------|--|--|
| <b>E 1</b> | Employee #   | Last Name<br><b>Thomas</b> | First Name<br><b>Neil</b>  | M.I.                                       |
|            | Sex: <b>M</b>  | Race: <b>W</b>             | Rank: <b>Deputy</b>  | Unit Assignment:<br><b>Norwalk Station</b> |
|            | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):<br><b>46K2</b> |                            |  |  |
|            | ShiftTime (circle only one):<br>EM PM <b>Day</b>       |                            | ShiftType (circle only one):<br><b>Regular</b> Overtime Off Duty |  |
|            | Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>      |                            | Substance Used:  |  |
|            | Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>           |                            | Hospital Name:   |  |
|            | Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>                 |                            | Coroner Case #   |  |
|            | Interviewed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>       |                            |  |  |
|            | Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:<br><b>8</b>            |                            | Duty Time (hrs):   |  |
|            | Age: <b>44</b>   |                            | Height: <b>6'0"</b>  |  |
|            | Weight: <b>240</b>                                     |                            | Clothing (circle only one):                                      |  |
|            | Plain Clothes no Vest                                  |                            | Raid Jacket w/ Vest  |  |
|            | Plain Clothes w/ Vest                                  |                            | Uniform no Vest  |  |
|            | Raid Jacket no Vest                                    |                            | <b>Uniform w/ Vest</b>   |  |
|            | Range Qualification Date:                              |                            | PPI Qualification Date:  |  |
|            | Certification Unit:                                    |                            | Laser Training Date:   |  |
|            | Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/>   |                            | Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>                   |  |
|            | Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>              |                            | Number of Prior Shootings:                                       |  |
|            | Field Training Officer Emp #                           |                            | Last Name  |  |
|            | First Name   |                            | M.I.   |  |
|            | Field Training Officer Emp #                           |                            | Last Name  |  |
|            | First Name   |                            | M.I.   |  |

  

|          |  |           |   |                  |
|----------|--|-----------|---|------------------|
| <b>E</b> | Employee #   | Last Name | First Name  | M.I.             |
|          | Sex:   | Race:     | Rank:   | Unit Assignment: |
|          | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):              |           |   |                  |
|          | ShiftTime (circle only one):<br>EM PM Day            |           | ShiftType (circle only one):<br>Regular Overtime Off Duty |                  |
|          | Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>    |           | Substance Used:   |                  |
|          | Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>         |           | Hospital Name:  |                  |
|          | Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>               |           | Coroner Case #  |                  |
|          | Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>                |           |   |                  |
|          | Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:                      |           | Duty Time (hrs):  |                  |
|          | Age:   |           | Height:   |                  |
|          | Weight:  |           | Clothing (circle only one):                               |                  |
|          | Plain Clothes no Vest                                |           | Raid Jacket w/ Vest                                       |                  |
|          | Plain Clothes w/ Vest                                |           | Uniform no Vest   |                  |
|          | Raid Jacket no Vest                                  |           | Uniform w/ Vest   |                  |
|          | Range Qualification Date:                            |           | PPI Qualification Date:                                   |                  |
|          | Certification Unit:                                  |           | Laser Training Date:                                      |                  |
|          | Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/> |           | Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>            |                  |
|          | Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>            |           | Number of Prior Shootings:                                |                  |
|          | Field Training Officer Emp #                         |           | Last Name   |                  |
|          | First Name   |           | M.I.  |                  |
|          | Field Training Officer Emp #                         |           | Last Name   |                  |
|          | First Name   |           | M.I.  |                  |

  

|          |  |           |   |                  |
|----------|--|-----------|---|------------------|
| <b>E</b> | Employee #   | Last Name | First Name  | M.I.             |
|          | Sex:   | Race:     | Rank:   | Unit Assignment: |
|          | Work Assignment (Unit #, Module, etc.):              |           |   |                  |
|          | ShiftTime (circle only one):<br>EM PM Day            |           | ShiftType (circle only one):<br>Regular Overtime Off Duty |                  |
|          | Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/>    |           | Substance Used:   |                  |
|          | Hospital Admission? <input type="checkbox"/>         |           | Hospital Name:  |                  |
|          | Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>               |           | Coroner Case #  |                  |
|          | Interviewed? <input type="checkbox"/>                |           |   |                  |
|          | Hrs of sleep prior to shooting:                      |           | Duty Time (hrs):  |                  |
|          | Age:   |           | Height:   |                  |
|          | Weight:  |           | Clothing (circle only one):                               |                  |
|          | Plain Clothes no Vest                                |           | Raid Jacket w/ Vest                                       |                  |
|          | Plain Clothes w/ Vest                                |           | Uniform no Vest   |                  |
|          | Raid Jacket no Vest                                  |           | Uniform w/ Vest   |                  |
|          | Range Qualification Date:                            |           | PPI Qualification Date:                                   |                  |
|          | Certification Unit:                                  |           | Laser Training Date:                                      |                  |
|          | Certified with Weapon Used? <input type="checkbox"/> |           | Patrol Certification? <input type="checkbox"/>            |                  |
|          | Prior Shootings? <input type="checkbox"/>            |           | Number of Prior Shootings:                                |                  |
|          | Field Training Officer Emp #                         |           | Last Name   |                  |
|          | First Name   |           | M.I.  |                  |
|          | Field Training Officer Emp #                         |           | Last Name   |                  |
|          | First Name   |           | M.I.  |                  |

# Officer Involved Shooting Suspect Information

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## Suspect Information

|     |  |  |   |                   |   |  |
|-----|--|--|---|-------------------|---|--|
| S 1 | Last Name <b>Goode</b>                     |  | First Name <b>Hugh</b>                            |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | AKA Last Name                              |  | First Name  |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | Sex: <b>M</b> Race: <b>Hisp</b>            | Street Address:                                  |   | City              | State & Zip Code:                                     |  |
|     | Work Phone:                                | Home Phone:                                      | Social Security #:                                |                   | Driver's License #:                                   |  |
|     | Age: <b>29</b> D.O.B. <b>09-28-1973</b>    | Height: <b>5'07"</b> Weight: <b>160</b>          | FBI #   |                   | CII #   |  |
|     | Booking # <b>7438870</b>                   | Primary Charge: <b>245 PC</b>                    |   | Secondary Charge: |   |  |
|     | Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>     | Coroner Case #                                   | Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/> |                   | Substance Used:                                       |  |
|     | Armed? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Apprehended? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> | Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>          |                   | Criminal History? <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> |  |
|     | Vehicle Make                               |  | Model:  |                   | Year:   |  |
| S   | Last Name                                  |  | First Name  |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | AKA Last Name                              |  | First Name  |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | Sex: Race:                                 | Street Address:                                  |   | City              | State & Zip Code:                                     |  |
|     | Work Phone:                                | Home Phone:                                      | Social Security #:                                |                   | Driver's License #:                                   |  |
|     | Age: D.O.B.                                | Height: Weight:                                  | FBI #   |                   | CII #   |  |
|     | Booking #                                  | Primary Charge:                                  |   | Secondary Charge: |   |  |
|     | Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>     | Coroner Case #                                   | Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/> |                   | Substance Used:                                       |  |
|     | Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>            | Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>          |                   | Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
|     | Vehicle Make                               |  | Model:  |                   | Year:   |  |
| S   | Last Name                                  |  | First Name  |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | AKA Last Name                              |  | First Name  |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | Sex: Race:                                 | Street Address:                                  |   | City              | State & Zip Code:                                     |  |
|     | Work Phone:                                | Home Phone:                                      | Social Security #:                                |                   | Driver's License #:                                   |  |
|     | Age: D.O.B.                                | Height: Weight:                                  | FBI #   |                   | CII #   |  |
|     | Booking #                                  | Primary Charge:                                  |   | Secondary Charge: |   |  |
|     | Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>     | Coroner Case #                                   | Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/> |                   | Substance Used:                                       |  |
|     | Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>            | Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>          |                   | Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
|     | Vehicle Make                               |  | Model:  |                   | Year:   |  |
| S   | Last Name                                  |  | First Name  |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | AKA Last Name                              |  | First Name  |                   | M.I.  |  |
|     | Sex: Race:                                 | Street Address:                                  |   | City              | State & Zip Code:                                     |  |
|     | Work Phone:                                | Home Phone:                                      | Social Security #:                                |                   | Driver's License #:                                   |  |
|     | Age: D.O.B.                                | Height: Weight:                                  | FBI #   |                   | CII #   |  |
|     | Booking #                                  | Primary Charge:                                  |   | Secondary Charge: |   |  |
|     | Coroner Case? <input type="checkbox"/>     | Coroner Case #                                   | Intoxication/Drug Usage? <input type="checkbox"/> |                   | Substance Used:                                       |  |
|     | Armed? <input type="checkbox"/>            | Apprehended? <input type="checkbox"/>            | Mental Illness? <input type="checkbox"/>          |                   | Criminal History? <input type="checkbox"/>            |  |
|     | Vehicle Make                               |  | Model:  |                   | Year:   |  |

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### Non-Employee Witnesses

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## INVESTIGATIVE SUMMARY

**TYPE OF INCIDENT:** DEPUTY INVOLVED SHOOTING - NON HIT  
**IAB FILE NUMBER:** SH2073636  
**URN:** 402-16733-2138-055  
**LOCATION:** [REDACTED] Laurel Avenue [REDACTED], Unincorporated Whittier  
**DATE/TIME:** Sunday, October 6, 2002, @ 0724 hours.

### OPENING STATEMENT:

On Sunday, October 6, 2002, at about 0900 hours. Sergeants Brian Morris and Henry Reyes, and Lieutenant Karyn Mannis, of Internal Affairs Bureau, responded Norwalk Station's area regarding an on-duty deputy involved shooting.

Upon our arrival, we went to a command post at the rear of a Target store at the corner of Florence Avenue and Carmenita Road, in unincorporated Whittier. Upon our arrival, the suspect was barricaded in a apartment and was holding his [REDACTED] and the couple's [REDACTED] hostage. The suspect did not live at the location. A Special Weapons Team, under the direction of Lieutenant Patrick Maxwell, was on scene and negotiations were being conducted to convince the suspect to free his hostages and surrender.

After a short period of time the suspect freed his hostages and surrendered to the members of the special weapons team.

We learned that Deputy Mark Lovitch went to the location at about 0715 hours, in response to a radio call of a "911 hang up." Upon his arrival, he heard a woman screaming for help. He attempted to force entry into the apartment after knocking on the door several times and being told to leave by a male, while the woman was still yelling for help. Deputy Thomas arrived at the apartment and began helping Deputy Lovitch force entry. Deputy Thomas was finally able to kick open the front door. When the door swung open, the deputies saw a male standing in the livingroom about 15-20 feet from them. The man was holding a shotgun in a shooting stance aimed directly at the two deputies. Deputy Lovitch was able to move to the side out of the line of fire, but Deputy Thomas was not. Deputy Thomas was pinned between a stucco wall adjacent to the door and the doorway itself. His only route of escape was across the open doorway. He ran across the door and fired one round at the male, who was still standing in his same position apparently ready to fire. Once the deputies were clear of the immediate threat, a hostage situation began. The deputies were in positions of cover within voice reach of the apartment and the suspect, who was still in the apartment with the front door closed.

As the situation progressed, assisting deputies evacuated the surrounding apartments and maintained a dialog with the suspect. Upon the arrival of the Special Enforcement Bureau SWAT Team, the personnel from Norwalk Station were relieved from their positions. Members of the SWAT Team and Hostage Negotiators convinced the suspect to surrender. No one was injured in the incident.

**INVOLVED PERSONNEL:**

**THOMAS, Neil**

Deputy # [REDACTED]

Norwalk Station.

**WITNESSES:**

**LOVITCH, Mark**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

Deputy # [REDACTED]

Civilian/Victim

Civilian MH/11

Civilian FH/28

Civilian MW/33

Civilian FH/36

Norwalk Station

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**SUSPECT:**

**GOODE, Hugh Jr. MH/29 (D.O.B. 09-28-1983) Booking #7438870**

**Criminal History:**

[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]  
[REDACTED]

**LIGHTING AND WEATHER CONDITIONS:**

This incident occurred on a sunny, clear, cloudless Sunday morning. The interior of the apartment was well lit by the ambient sunlight which shone through the window

**EMPLOYEE WORK HISTORY:**

**THOMAS, Neil**

Date of Employment: 05-17-1991

Date assigned to Patrol: [REDACTED]

Completed Patrol Training: [REDACTED]

## **WITNESSES EMPLOYEE STATEMENT:**

**Deputy Mark Lovitch:** Deputy Lovitch was interviewed at the apartment subsequent to the conclusion of the incident. During the interview he conducted a walk-through of the scene to clearly show the events while he described them. The interview was conducted by Sergeant Brian Morris of Internal Affairs Bureau and Detective Greg Salcido of Norwalk Station. Detective Salcido is the primary criminal investigator on the case. Other Department members were present during the interview and walk-through. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Lovitch said received a call of a "911 hang-up" (927-H) at the location. He said he drove to the complex and parked across the street from it, on the west side of the street because the driveway security gate was closed. He said he walked through the pedestrian gate into the complex. He said he walked through the complex and located the specific apartment.

**I.A.B. Note:** The apartment complex is a new modern complex which is actively operated and controlled by the Los Angeles County Housing Authority. The complex is designed with multiple buildings of four apartments each - two upstairs and two downstairs. The apartment where this incident occurred is downstairs.

Deputy Lovitch said upon his arrival at the apartment he immediately heard a man yelling and a woman yelling, "Help! Help!" He said he did not know what the male was yelling. He said he tried to open the door, but it was locked. He said he banged on the door and identified himself as a deputy sheriff. He said he heard the male say, "Just wait, just wait." The woman was still yelling "Help! Help!" He said he requested assistance via his hand held radio.

Deputy Lovitch said he attempted to gain access through the livingroom window at the front of the apartment. He said the window was locked. He said during this time the male was still yelling for him to "wait" and the female was still yelling "help." Deputy Lovitch said he next tried to kick the front door open, but the porch was very small and he is a large man (6'05"tall, 264 pounds). He said he could not get a position to exert enough force to open the door, although he kicked it about five times. Deputy Lovitch said about 30 seconds later Deputy Thomas arrived and was able to successfully kick the door open with two attempts. At this time Deputies Lovitch and Thomas were the only deputies present.

Deputy Lovitch said Deputy Thomas was standing directly in front of the door facing away from it and using his heel to kick the door open in what he characterized as a "mule kick." He said he was standing to the left side of the door.

**I.A.B. Note:** The configuration of the door and porch is as follows: The front door to the apartment is a solid door with no windows. There are no windows adjacent to it. The porch is a small concrete pad about five feet wide. Directly to the right of the door is a perpendicular stucco wall and to the left is a staircase which leads to the upstairs apartments. The door swings open to the left. The porch is walled on three sides.



Immediately when the door swung open, Deputy Lovitch said he saw a woman sitting on a couch against the west wall of the livingroom with a little girl (three years old) next to her. He said he saw a male (Suspect Hugh Goode) standing in the livingroom directly in line with the front door about 15-20 feet from it. He said Goode was holding a shotgun and had it pointed at him and Deputy Thomas. In describing the manner in which Goode was holding the shotgun, Deputy Lovitch said he was holding it at his right side just above waist level with his right hand on the butt and his finger on the trigger. He had his left hand extended out, holding the slide.

Deputy Lovitch said he yelled that the suspect had a shotgun and took a step back and to the side and drew his duty Beretta. He said he heard Deputy Thomas fire one round into the apartment as he (Lovitch) stepped back and took cover to the left of the door. Deputy Thomas also ran across the door opening and was to the left of the door with Deputy Lovitch. He said Goode approached the front door and closed it. Deputy Lovitch clarified that information by saying that he did not actually see Goode shut the door, but the reasonable conclusion was that he was the one who did it. Deputy Lovitch said he and Deputy Thomas took cover behind a pillar about 10-12 feet from the front door. During this time he also broadcast the deputy involved shooting and requested additional assistance. He said Deputy Raymond Cardenas arrived and the three began talking to Goode in an attempt to get him to free his hostages and surrender. He said additional units arrived and contained the immediate area.

Deputy Lovitch said Goode talked to them, but refused to surrender. He said during this time the woman [REDACTED] spoke to them a couple of times. He said both Goode and [REDACTED] spoke good English with no accent. He said he and the other deputies attempted to convince Goode to release [REDACTED] and the child, but he would not. He (Goode) said he was afraid if he came out the deputies would kill him.

**I.A.B. Note:** Deputy Lovitch described how the verbal negotiations with Goode continued and what was said in their attempt to convince him to surrender and/or release the hostages, including how the deputies orchestrated a phone call between Goode and his [REDACTED] and a second phone call. Deputy Lovitch's description of these negotiations is detailed on the audio recording of his interview.

Deputy Lovitch said ultimately deputies from the Special Enforcement Bureau relieved him and he went to the command post. He said he was not present when the incident concluded.

Deputy Lovitch critiqued himself and his own actions regarding the manner in which he handled this call. He said he would not handle a domestic dispute call alone and would always wait for a back-up unit. However, in this case he said he was responding to a "911 hang-up" call. He said in his experience "99.9% of these type of calls are nothing." He said in his [REDACTED] years in patrol he recalled two 911 hang-up calls which were actually calls for the police. He said he was the only available unit in Whittier and knew another unit was responding from La Mirada. He said once he arrived at the apartment and heard the woman yelling for help, he felt compelled to do something. He also said the fact that he received the call at 7:30 a.m. on a Sunday morning contributed to him approaching the call alone.

## INVOLVED EMPLOYEES' STATEMENTS:

**Deputy Neil Thomas:** On October 6, 2002 at about 1234 hours (approximately five hours after the incident), Sergeants Brian Morris and Henry Reyes of Internal Affairs Bureau interviewed Deputy Neil Thomas at Norwalk Station. Deputy Thomas waived his right to have a representative present during the interview. The interview was audio recorded.

Deputy Thomas was wearing a full standard Sheriff's Class-A uniform. He was wearing a nylon web gun belt. At the beginning of the interview, Deputy Thomas' duty weapon was inspected. Deputy Thomas retrieved his duty Beretta from his holster and gave it to investigators. Deputy Thomas' duty weapon was his county issued Beretta 92-F, serial number BER104224Z. Deputy Thomas said he carries his weapon loaded to capacity with 15 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. Deputy Thomas said he fired one round during the incident. Upon inspection, his weapon was loaded with 14 rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber.

Deputy Thomas said he was at the La Mirada Station annex, at Alondra Boulevard and Phoebe Street, with Deputy O'Sullivan (Unit 46K1). He said he heard the call regarding a 911 hang-up dispatched. He said Deputy O'Sullivan was [REDACTED] and he told Deputy O'Sullivan he would handle the assist on the call. He said he left the annex and responded to the call.

Deputy Thomas said when he was near Meyer Road (approximately 1 mile from the location) he heard Deputy Lovitch request assistance via the radio because he heard a woman screaming at the location of the 911 hang-up. Deputy Thomas said he responded the remainder of the way with his emergency lights and siren activated (code-3). Deputy Thomas said he entered the complex through the pedestrian gate and ran to the center of the complex attempting to locate Deputy Lovitch. He said as he neared the [REDACTED] portion of the complex he heard Deputy Lovitch kicking the door of the apartment. He said he ran to Deputy Lovitch's location. He said he could see that Deputy Lovitch was having difficulty kicking the door open due to his size and the limited space on the porch. He said he took Deputy Lovitch's place and began kicking the door. He said he could hear a woman crying and screaming from within the apartment. He said he did not specifically recall what she was screaming, but reflected back to what Deputy Lovitch reported earlier over the radio that the woman was yelling for help.

Deputy Thomas said he thought he kicked the door two or three times before it opened. He said when it opened he turned around. He said as he turned he heard Deputy Lovitch say, "He's got a shotgun!" He said as he completed his turn he saw a male standing in the apartment holding a shotgun near his right waist and pointing it at them. He said he moved to the right of the doorway, but found himself caught between the doorway and a stucco wall with no cover. He said he believed the suspect would be firing rounds at him any moment, so he jumped to the left of the door across the door opening because it was his only route of escape. He said he was aware the suspect was standing inside the apartment with a shotgun pointed at him, so he fired one round as cover fire, as he traversed the doorway. He said he fully expected to be shot when he did this, but needed to escape. Deputy Thomas said when he cleared the doorway to the left he was consciously surprised that he had not been shot.

Deputy Thomas said he and Deputy Lovitch took cover behind a pillar which was near the porch of the building. He said the door of the apartment was still open and he could see a woman and a little girl sitting on the couch. Both were crying and the woman was holding the child tightly. He said the suspect walked to the door and attempted to close it, but was unable to. He said there was a piece of door molding lying on the floor which prevented the door from closing all the way. He said the door remained open about six inches. He said Deputy Lovitch began coordinating assistance via the radio and he maintained containment of the apartment door. He said through the gap in the open door he saw Goode walk back and forth in the livingroom several times still holding the shotgun. He said Deputy Cardenas arrived at their location as they began talking to Goode. He said during this time Goode was using the barrel of the shotgun to attempt to clear the molding from the door jamb in an apparent effort to close the door. He said he could also hear the woman continuing to scream and cry.

Deputy Thomas said as they continued to talk to Goode, he said he was willing to release the child, but the child would not leave the apartment without the woman and Goode would not let the woman go. Deputy Thomas said they continued to talk to Goode. He said after a period of time he was relieved by deputies from the Special Enforcement Bureau and directed to go to the command post.

The interview was ended at 1254 hours.

#### **WITNESS STATEMENTS:**

Prior to being formally interviewed, [REDACTED] walked through her apartment with I.A.B. investigators and the criminal detectives and described the condition of the apartment. She pointed out the manner in which the furniture had been moved by Goode. This walk through of the apartment was audio recorded.

On Sunday, October 6, 2002, at about 1330 hours, Sergeants Brian Morris and Henry Reyes of Internal Affairs Bureau interviewed [REDACTED] at Norwalk Station. The interview was audio recorded.

[REDACTED] is the [REDACTED] of Suspect Goode. She lives at the apartment with her three children. [REDACTED] (F/3). Goode does not live at the location. [REDACTED] said there is a history of Domestic Violence between her and Goode. She said she has had previous restraining orders against him. She said he was released from state prison, where he was incarcerated for transporting narcotics, in March of 2002. She said since his release she has seen him once in order for him to see his [REDACTED]. She said since his release she has consistently told him she wanted nothing to do with him.

Ms. [REDACTED] said at about 4:00 a.m she and Suspect Goode were involved in an argument on the telephone. She said at about 6:30 a.m. she heard a noise coming from her bedroom. Ms. [REDACTED] bedroom is the bedroom at the front of the apartment. She said she was sleeping on the couch in the livingroom with her daughter, [REDACTED]. She said her other two children, [REDACTED] were not home. Each of them spent the night elsewhere. She said when she investigated the noise, she found that Suspect Goode had climbed through the window. She said

he was carrying a back-pack. Once in the apartment, Goode went to the front door, opened it and carried in two additional duffle bags, which he had apparently left on the porch. He told [REDACTED] he was there to do his laundry. She said she told him her dryer was not working and he was not welcome. She said she told him to leave. She said Goode became angry and retrieved a shotgun from one of the duffle bags.

[REDACTED] said she began screaming. She said Goode continually told her to shut-up as he walked through the apartment closing the windows and blinds. He said he was closing them because he didn't want anyone to hear her. She said it was during this time when she called 911. She said he was in one of the rooms and she had the opportunity to dial the phone, but he returned to the livingroom, so she had to hang up without saying anything. She said the phone rang moments later. She said she figured it was the Sheriff's Department, but was afraid to answer it because Goode would know she called the police. She said the phone was hidden and Goode could not find it to answer it.

[REDACTED] said she and Goode argued for a period of time, during which she told him to leave before the situation got out of control. She said during this time Goode was carrying the shotgun and shotgun shells with him. She said she did not know if the gun was loaded at that time or not.

[REDACTED] said after a short time, a deputy knocked on the door. She said Goode looked through the peep-hole and saw the deputy. She said Goode told her to tell the deputy to leave and that everything was okay. She said she did not remember yelling to the deputies, although she said she later learned she yelled for help. She said Goode walked to the hall, which is diagonal across the livingroom from the front door. She said he told her if the deputies came into the house they were "all going to be dead." She said at that time Goode loaded one round in the shotgun, although she did not know if there was already rounds in it. She said the deputies were demanding entry into the apartment and Goode placed the shotgun to his head and said he was going to kill himself. She said the deputy began kicking the front door. She said at that point Goode pointed the shotgun at her, then at the front door. She said at about that time the front door opened and Goode was pointing the gun toward the door. She said she heard one of the deputies yell, "He has a weapon," then heard one shot. She said at the time she did not know who fired a gun, although she later learned it was one of the deputies.

Ms. [REDACTED] described the manner in which Goode was holding the shotgun. She demonstrated him as holding the gun near his right hip, with his right hand on the trigger and his left hand on the front slide. She said he Goode was aiming the gun at the deputies.

She said Goode tried to close the door, but there was a chard of wood from the door jamb which was in the way and he could not close it all the way. She said Goode reconfigured the couches into a barricade and there was conversation between him and the deputies. She said she did not recall the specifics of the conversation. She said during this time Goode told her he would not go back to prison, which she inferred as a further threat as to them all dying. She also said during this time he put the shotgun to his head several times.

██████████ said during the stand off she was crying and pleading with Goode to let her go. She said she tried to get up several times, but Goode struck her until she sat back down. She said he ultimately told her, "Go then, go," and shoved her toward the door.

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██████████ is eleven years old. He lives with his mother and brother in the ██████████ where this shooting occurred. Sergeant Brian Morris of Internal Affairs interviewed ██████████ on the telephone on October 8, 2002, at about 1715 hours. The interview was audio recorded.

██████████ said he was awakened by a gun shot from the ██████████ of the apartment. He said he ran to the ██████████ window and saw deputies at the downstairs apartment. He said he heard the deputies talking about a man having a gun. He said he stayed at the window for a few minutes and watched the deputies. He said he saw the little girl ██████████ come out of the apartment and saw her carried away by a deputy. He said the apartment manager telephoned him and his brother and directed them to go to the rear of the apartment where they were evacuated from the apartment by other deputies.

██████████ FH/28 (D.O.B. ██████████)  
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██████████ lives in an ██████████ apartment ██████████ from the apartment where this shooting occurred. Sergeant Brian Morris of Internal Affairs Bureau interviewed ██████████ on the telephone. The interview was audio recorded.

██████████ said prior to the deputies arriving at the apartment she heard a woman screaming, but assumed it was one of her other neighbors, who is pregnant, going into labor. She said at about 0715 she heard a loud scream, which got her attention. She said she does not speak English well and did not know what was being said.

She said she saw a deputy arrive at the apartment. She said he began knocking on the door and yelling, "Open the door, open the door!" She said she saw him try to kick open the door, but he was unable to do so. She said during this time ██████████ was screaming. She said a second deputy arrived and kicked the door open and she immediately heard a gun shot. She said she could not tell who shot though. She said she saw the deputies take cover adjacent to the door and begin talking to the suspect. She said they were telling him to surrender. She said she was evacuated from her apartment and did not see the suspect taken into custody.



██████████ MW/33 (D.O.B. ██████████)

██████████ was a visitor in apartment ██████████ when this incident occurred. Apartment ██████████ is ██████████ and ██████████ from the apartment where the shooting occurred. Sergeant Brian Morris of ██████████ interviewed ██████████ on the telephone. The interview was audio recorded.

Mr. ██████████ said he was in bed with his girlfriend ██████████ when the incident occurred. He said they were in the front bedroom. He said he did not hear anything until the deputies arrived. He said ██████████ told him the police were ██████████ the yard at another apartment, so he looked out the window. He said there was only one deputy there. He described the deputy as a very large guy. He said the deputy had his gun out and was knocking on the door telling the occupants to open it. Mr. ██████████ said during this time he could not hear anything from within the apartment initially, but heard a man yell something in response to the deputy's demand to open the door. He said he could not distinguish what was said. He said the deputy walked to the front window and tried to open it in an apparent attempt to gain entry into the apartment, but returned to the front door. He said the deputy began kicking the front door, but was unable to kick it open due to his large size and the small area of the patio. He said a second deputy arrived and was able to kick the front door open. He said when the door opened he heard a gunshot and one of the deputies yelled, "He's got a shotgun!"

He said at that point he and his girlfriend rolled to the floor and crawled to the rear of the apartment to protect her children. He said they remained there for about ten minutes until deputies came to the window and directed them out of the apartment. He said during that time he heard deputies yelling to the suspect to surrender.

\*Attempts were made to contact Ms. ██████████, but they were unsuccessful.

██████████ FH/36 (D.O.B. ██████████)

██████████ lives in apartment ██████████. This apartment is ██████████ and is in the ██████████ to the building where the shooting occurred. Sergeant Brian Morris of Internal Affairs Bureau interviewed Ms. ██████████. The interview was audio recorded.

Ms. ██████████ said she was in bed and was awakened by the sound of someone banging on the apartment door and yelling, "Open the door, open the door!" She said she did not know it was a deputy at first, but heard someone yell, "Put your hands up!" then she heard a gunshot. She said it was during this time she realized the police were involved in something. She said her husband was also home, but slept through the entire incident.

#### **SUSPECT STATEMENTS:**



Detective Greg Salcido of Norwalk Station and Sergeant Brian Morris of Internal Affairs Bureau attempted to interview Suspect Goode. Suspect Goode invoked his 5<sup>th</sup> Amendment right to remain silent and would not make a statement.

#### **NON-WITNESSES:**

The following individuals were contacted by personnel from Norwalk Station when they canvassed the area for possible witnesses. Each of these individuals were contacted and said they did not see or hear anything related to the incident:



#### **INJURIES:**

No one was injured during this incident.

#### **PHYSICAL EVIDENCE:**

A diagram of the location was drawn by Forensic Identification Specialist Lisa Jackson (Exhibit-C). Detective G. Hiles from Norwalk Station recovered a 12 gauge shotgun from the livingroom table. The shotgun was loaded with three live rounds in the magazine and one in the chamber. He also recovered three boxes of 12 gauge shotgun shells. Deputy Thomas' expended 9mm casing was recovered from the front porch. See supplementary report by Detective Salcido (Exhibit-A). Deputy Thomas' expended round was not recovered from the wall of the apartment.

Each of these items were observed by I.A.B. investigators while at the scene.

#### **INVESTIGATOR OBSERVATIONS:**

Investigators observed that the furniture in the livingroom appeared to have been moved. The couch was an "L" shaped sectional, but the short portion had been moved away from the other portion. The coffee table was moved in front of the short portion of the couch. It appeared as though the suspect configured the short portion of the couch into a barricade to hide behind or defend himself. The movement of the furniture was confirmed by Deputy Lovitch, based on what he saw when the front door initially opened. [REDACTED] also confirmed that during the standoff, Goode moved the furniture. Investigators also observed what appeared to be a bullet strike in the kitchen wall across from the front door. There was a pistol grip shotgun setting on an ottoman in the livingroom. A visual inspection revealed at least one round in the magazine.

**PROPERTY DAMAGE:**

The front door and door jamb of the apartment were damage when the door was kicked open. Deputy Thomas' bullet struck the kitchen wall and damaged the wall. See photographs (Exhibit-B)

**CRIMINAL INVESTIGATOR/CHARGES FILED:**

The criminal investigation was conducted by Detective Greg Salcido from Norwalk Station. Upon the conclusion of his investigation, he obtained a criminal filing of Burglary and Assault with a Deadly Weapon on a Peace Officer against Suspect Goode, Case #VA073320.

Goode has a next court date of January 3, 2003. He is still in custody. His bail on the open charge of Burglary and ADW is \$400,000.00. He also has a "no bail" [REDACTED] hold.